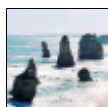


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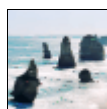
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ABS role in supporting Australia 2020

Sam Thomas was an ABS-Victoria outposted officer supporting the Australia 2020 summit in Canberra, during April 2008. As part of a small team headed by Professor Glyn Davis (Summit Co-chair), Sam worked closely with consultants from Boston Consulting Group (BCG). The key organisers of the summit (Prof. Glyn Davis and BCG) are Melbourne based. During an intensive three weeks, the team prepared briefing documents on 10 long term challenges confronting Australia. Across ABS, many staff contributed directly and indirectly to support this work. This provided a wealthy resource to inspire creative ideas and debate around the 10 topics. As part of his role, Sam Thomas was also invited to attend the summit as a liaison officer.



Caption L-R : John Fedderson (BCG), Sam Thomas (ABS), Kevin Rudd (Prime Minister), Derryn (Qld Govt), Joseph Butler (BCG).

For further information please refer to the Australia 2020 website:
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Support for the Garnaut Climate Change Review

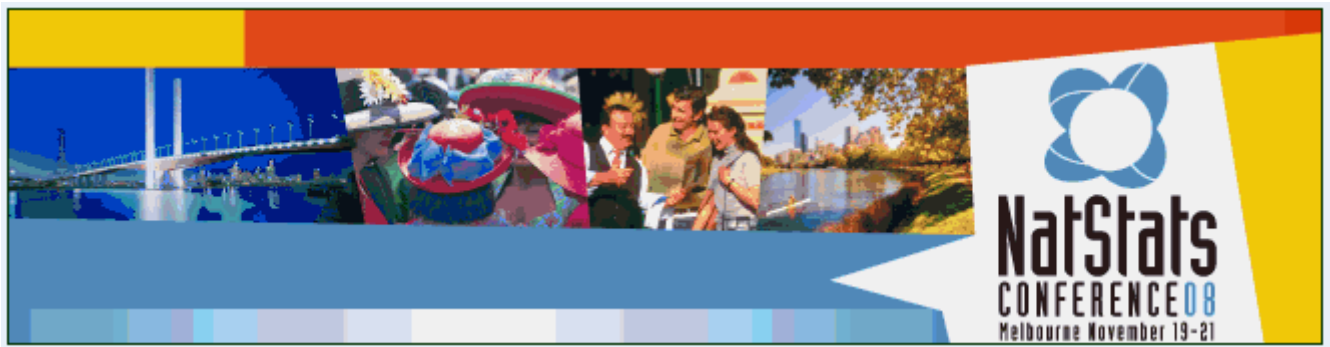
The Garnaut Climate Change Review was commissioned to examine the impacts, challenges and opportunities of climate change for Australia. The initial Draft Report was released on 4 July, and the Final Report is due by 30 September 2008.

The ABS has been involved in assisting the Garnaut Climate Change Review through the provision of an officer outposted from its Victorian office. Over a period of six weeks, the officer has provided statistical advice across a range of data sources, feeding into the Draft Report.

More information about the Garnaut Review can be found at www.garnautreview.org.au.

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NatStats08 Melbourne Conference



The NatStats08 Conference will be held at the Crown Promenade, Melbourne from 19-21 November, 2008. The NatStats08 web site <<http://www.nss.gov.au/natstats>> allows you to register for the conference, download the sponsorship and exhibition document, and be informed of the latest program and social event developments.

The conference program has been designed with policy and decision makers in mind. There will be a range of speakers from overseas organisations, government departments across all jurisdictions, academic and community organisations. The conference will offer a varied and stimulating program led by high profile policy and decision makers such as: Professor Glyn Davis (Vice Chancellor of the University of Melbourne and co-convenor of the 2020 Summit), Dr Ken Henry (Secretary Treasury), Tim Costello (Chief Executive, World Vision Australia), and Enrico Giovannini (Chief Statistician, OECD).

The conference theme is Working Together for an Informed Australian Society. The program will look at three main topic areas: Informing the Nation; Measuring Progress in Society; and Environmental Information for Informed Decisions. Participating in NatStats08 will provide you with the opportunity to:

- Learn from experts and experience the latest developments and future directions of key national statistics,
- Connect with the statistical community on issues and challenges in creating a culture of evidence-based decision making,
- Share your experiences and raise awareness of significant issues within your field,
- Network with policy makers from across government, industry, academia and the community.

If you would like to talk about the conference program please call Mark Lound on 02 6252 6325 or email him at inquiries@nss.gov.au. To register interest email Conference Solutions on natstats@con-sol.com.

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Final rebased population estimates

Final rebased estimates of states, territories and Australian population were released 24 June 2008 in Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007 (cat. no. 3101.0). The following issue will include final rebased estimates of the Indigenous population by states and territories by sex and five-year age groups.

For information about the process of 'rebasings' population estimates, see the article on page 10 in March quarter 2007 Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0), and for calculating Indigenous population estimates see page 16. Final rebased population estimates by age and sex for states, territories and the Australian population were released on 20 June 2008 in 'Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories' (cat. no.

3201.0).

Preliminary estimates for sub-state/territory level for June 2007 were released on 31 March 2008 in 'Regional Population Growth, Australia' (cat. no. 3218.0). The publication also contains final estimates for June 2001 and preliminary rebased estimates from 2002 to 2006, based on the 2006 Census. All estimates are available in electronic products accompanying this release. This publication comments on population change at various geographical levels and on average annual population growth rates.

The final 2006 Census-based sub-state/territory estimates for June 2002 through to June 2006 are intended to be released in August 2008. Preliminary population estimates for June 2007 by sex and five-year age groups are intended to be released in August 2008 in 'Population by Age and Sex, Australia, 2007' (cat. no. 3235.0).

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Workplace Growth in Victoria 2000-2007

The feature article in March quarter 2008 'State and Regional Indicators, Victoria' (cat.no. 1367.2) focused on workplace growth in Victoria using data from the Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA).

The article provided an analysis of VWA data by ABS for 30 June 2000 to 30 June 2007. The scope of VWA's dataset included all VWA insured workplaces which employed workers and had an annual remuneration greater than \$7,500, and all workplaces (regardless of remuneration) which employed trainees or apprentices. Estimates of workplace growth and remuneration growth were produced at both a regional and industry level.

Key findings included that WorkCover workplaces across Victoria at 30 June 2007 numbered 216,519, an increase of 5,017 or 2.4% from June 2000. Over these seven years, Victoria's total real workplace remuneration grew by 25.1%, with the fastest annual growth of 5.7% occurring in 2003-04. Over this period, the Communication Services industry (59.3%) experienced the fastest overall growth in number of workplaces followed by Construction (24.0%) and Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants (11.4%).

The full article is presented in March quarter 2008 'State and Regional Indicators, Victoria' (cat. no. 1367.2), along with many other commentaries covering Victorian data at local government area and sub-state level.

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Review of Children and Youth Information Development Plan

The ABS Information Paper: Improving Statistics on Children and Youth - An Information Development Plan (cat. no. 4907.0) was first released in Dec 2006. The Plan outlines agreed priorities for statistical data development, with the aim of improving data quality and availability. The IDP is reviewed and updated annually to reflect progress and change. The first review was completed in Dec 2007 and results published on the National Statistical Service (NSS) web site. The Children and Youth team is about to begin the 2008 Review of the IDP. Over the next few months we will be contacting relevant agencies to obtain updates on progress relating to the Data Development Actions. This information will be collated and the report released toward the end of 2008.

ABS's Children and Youth team is also currently writing a Census thematic about Australia's Children and Youth. It uses 2006 Census data to provide an overview of persons aged 0-24 years, for comparison with previous census data to show how characteristics of children and youth have changed over time. Major themes will include family and living arrangements; educational attainment and participation; transitions to independent living; and combining education and work. The publication will highlight specific populations such as children and young people from Indigenous, culturally and linguistically diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds. 'Census of Population and Housing: Australia's Children and Youth, 2006' (cat. no. 2059.0.55.001) is scheduled for release in December 2008.

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Childhood Education and Care Survey

Successful testing and dress rehearsal for the Childhood Education and Care Survey was conducted over February-March 2008. The survey was in the field during June 2008, as a supplementary topic to the monthly Labour Force Survey. This survey will provide detailed data on child care, as well as information related to children's learning activities and learning environments in their early years.

StatSmart. Improving the teaching of statistics in schools



ABS Education Services hosted the second StatSmart conference in Melbourne on 1 & 2 May, 2008. StatSmart is a 3 year Australian Research Council Linkage project supported by ABS, University of Tasmania, University of New England, Key Curriculum Press and Noel Baker Centre for School Mathematics.

At the StatSmart conference, participating teachers were actively engaged in a range of hands-on learning opportunities, in addition to a variety of interesting presentations from project partners. As part of the project, 40 teachers from Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania have been profiled and their students are being surveyed longitudinally to evaluate the effects of improved teaching practice in statistics.

Outside the conference, participating teachers and their students have had access to the expertise of StatSmart's project partners, CensusAtSchool datasets, and statistical software such as Tinkerplots and Fathom. Project outcomes will inform the education community on best practice in the field of statistics education. StatSmart forms part of the ABS commitment to 'increase statistical literacy in the community, with a special focus on the schools sector' (ABS Corporate Plan). For more information please visit: www.statsmart.org.au.

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1383.0.55.001 Measures of Australia's Progress: Summary Indicators, 2008 (Edition 1). Released 17/04/2008

Provides a national summary of progress, focusing on 14 headline dimensions and their indicators. Excel spreadsheets with state level data are attached. Victorian examples include:

Education: In 2007, 59.3% of 25-64 year olds had a non-school qualification (e.g. degree, diploma or certificate), up from 45.3% in 1997.

Health: A boy and girl born in 2006 could expect to live to 79 and 84 years, respectively (three years longer than someone born in 1996).

Crime: There was a small decrease in the 'personal crime' (assault, sexual assault or robbery) rate between 2002 and 2005, from 5.2% to 4.5%; and the rate of household crimes (break-ins and motor vehicle theft) fell from 7.0% in 2002 to 4.6% in 2005.

Environment: From 1990 to 2005, net greenhouse gas emissions in Victoria have increased (from 108.2 Mt CO₂-e to 121.9 Mt CO₂-e).

Work: The unemployment rate fell from 8.6% in 1997 to 4.7% in 2007.

4172.0 Arts and Culture in Australia: A Statistical Overview, 2008. (First Edition) Released 26/05/2008

This publication presents a statistical overview of culture and the arts in Australia. Information is drawn from a variety of mainly ABS data sources, which are presented wherever possible, to align with the Australian Culture and Leisure Classifications (cat. no. 4902.0). The 2006 Census of Population and Housing found there were 284,791 people whose main job in the week prior to Census was in a cultural occupation. The median weekly income for all persons working in cultural occupations was \$741, compared with \$718 for all employed persons. Topics include: output of cultural industries, employment and voluntary work, funding by government and business, household expenditure, and tourism. There are profiles of 11 cultural sectors, such as: museums, libraries, literature and print media, film and video, and arts education. Contains state level data.

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4390.0 Private Hospitals, Australia, 2006-07. Released 29/05/2008

Presents details from the 2006-07 national census of private hospitals, including: acute, psychiatric and free-standing day hospital facilities. There were 557 private hospitals operating in Australia in 2006-07 compared with 547 in 2005-06 (1.8% annual increase); with a decrease of two Acute and psychiatric hospitals and increase of 12 free standing day hospitals. Total patient separations increased by 4.3% (2.9m in 2005-06 to 3.1m in 2006-07).

Private hospitals provided 7.7m days of hospitalisation to patients in 2006-07, up 2.6% on 2005-06. Staff numbers decreased by 1.8% to 49,096 people (full-time equivalent).

Females accounted for 55% of all patient separations, and people aged 65 and over 35%. Based on the estimated resident population there were 152.1 patient separations per 1,000 population for females and 125.9 for males. The proportion of patients covered by private hospital insurance remained relatively stable for all private hospitals at 79%. Contains Victoria level data.

4442.0 Family Characteristics and Transitions, Australia, 2006-07. Released 06/06/2008

Presents 2006-07 Family Characteristics and Transitions Survey (FCTS), and compares with 2003 and 1997 Family Characteristics Surveys (FCS). Provides information about changing patterns of family and household composition in contemporary Australia. Information on family transitions such as relationship history, relationship expectations, children born and fertility expectations is also presented in this publication. In 2006-07, there were 8.1 million households in Australia, of which 72% (5.8 m) contained one or more families.

4620.0 Natural Resource Management on Australian Farms, 2006-07. Released 26/06/2008

The survey asked managers of agricultural businesses to identify the extent and type of weed, pest, land and soil problems present on their land; activities undertaken to prevent or manage them, and detail the costs and effort spent addressing these problems. Agricultural businesses (in scope for this survey) occupied approximately 425,449,000 ha, or 55.3% of Australia's area. Activities across Australia to prevent or manage weeds, pests, land and soil cost almost \$3 billion, or \$21,094 per agricultural business, or \$7,522 per thousand hectares under management.

Agricultural businesses in Victoria spent an average of \$16,156 on weed, pest, and land and soil activities; or \$44,822 per thousand hectares, averaging 137 person days per thousand hectares. Some 43.8% of land managed by agricultural businesses in Victoria was used for grazing on improved pasture. Grazing on land other than improved pasture accounted for 9.8% of agricultural land, and 38.6% of agricultural land was used for crops. The cost of managing weeds per thousand hectares was the highest in Victoria (\$20,701), while at the national level it was \$5,490. At state level, Victoria reported the highest proportion of area affected by soil compaction (1.6 million ha, 12.5% of Victorian agricultural land), and the highest reported area of soil acidity (2.2 m ha, 16.6% of Victorian agricultural land).

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4704.0 The Health and Welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 2008. Released 29/04/2008

A joint report by ABS and Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, presents data about the health, welfare and socioeconomic circumstances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. While most information is at the national level, some data is presented at state/territory level and by remoteness areas. In 2006, there were an estimated 517,200 Indigenous people living in Australia and 30,800 in Victoria.

The report found some improvements in the socioeconomic status of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people between 2001 to 2006, including:

- an increase in Year 12 completion rates from 20% to 23%;
- a decrease in the unemployment rate from 20% to 16%; and
- an increase in home ownership for Indigenous households from 31% to 34%.

The health status of Indigenous Australians has shown little improvement in recent years, and remains considerably below that of non-Indigenous Australians. After adjusting for differences in age structure of the two populations:

- In 2004-05, Indigenous adults were twice as likely as non-Indigenous adults to report their health as fair or poor.
- In 2005-06, Indigenous people were hospitalised at 14 times the rate of non-Indigenous people for care involving dialysis (treatment for chronic kidney disease), and at three times the rate for endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases (including diabetes).
- In 2006, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were almost twice as likely as non-Indigenous people to need assistance with one or more core activities (self-care, mobility and/or communication).

4818.0.55.001 Household Preparedness for Emergencies: NSW, Vic, Qld and ACT, October 2007. Released 06/06/2008

The survey examined steps households had taken in preparing for emergencies, including safety precautions such as installing smoke alarms, ensuring emergency phone numbers were accessible and having an emergency plan. Where households had experienced a recent emergency (last 2 years), the survey investigated how they responded during the emergency and whether any changes were made to ensure better preparedness in the future.

4819.0 Selected Health Occupations: Australia, 2006. Released 17/06/2008

Provides an overview of Australia's health workforce, covering four key occupational groups: generalist medical practitioners, specialists, dental practitioners, and nurses (including midwives). It examines their geographic distribution, demographic characteristics, and working arrangements. It provides information about current trends in key health occupations and their longer term sustainability. While the health workforce has been growing at a faster rate than the population, patient demand for health services has been increasing at an even faster rate.

This snapshot uses 2006 Census of Population and Housing data. During August 2006 in Australia, there were 55,063 people working as medical practitioners, 35,452 (around two-thirds) generalist medical practitioners, and 18,259 specialists (footnote 2). There were also 9,071 people working as Dental practitioners and 219,788 Nurses. South Australia had the highest rate of all States and Territories of specialists (109.6 per 100,000), dental practitioners (51.5 per 100,000 persons) and nurses (1,339.3 per 100,000 persons), as well as having a higher than average rate of generalist medical practitioners (186.2 per 100,000 persons). Between 1986 and 2006, the proportion of generalist medical practitioners who were women rose by 14 percentage points (from 25% to 39%), while the proportion of all employed persons who were women rose by 7 percentage points (from 39% to 46%). Contains one table with state data.

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5249.0 Australian National Accounts: Tourism Satellite Account, 2006-07. Released 17/04/2008

Tourism is not an industry or product in international statistical standards, but it is commonly considered an industry by tourism researchers and economic analysts. In the Tourism

Satellite Account, tourism industry's direct contribution to Australia's economy has been measured using demand generated by visitors and supply of tourism products by domestic producers.

In 2006–07, Australian tourism consumption increased 7.6% (annual) to \$84,975m. Tourism consumption is the total value of goods and services consumed by visitors. Domestic tourism accounted for \$62,626 m, and international tourism \$22,350 m. The most popular destinations for Australians travelling overseas were New Zealand, United States of America and United Kingdom. International visitors to Australia were most often from New Zealand, United Kingdom and Japan. Average consumption by Australian residents on outbound trips was \$4,968, and average consumption by non-residents on inbound trips \$4,841. Data covers ANZSIC industry division (eg income & employment), type of product (eg. transport, accommodation, food, fuel, etc), arrival/departure country, plus more, and is only at Australia level.

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5506.0 Taxation Revenue, Australia, 2006-07. Released 15/04/2008

Statistics on taxation revenue collected by various levels of government in Australia, based on Government Finance Statistics (GFS) concepts and compiled on an accrual basis.

5512.0 Government Finance Statistics, Australia, 2006-07. Released 15/04/2008

Government Finance Statistics on an accrual accounting basis for each jurisdiction of the general government sector, non-financial public sector and total public sector. Three key statements are presented; operating statement, cash flow statement, and balance sheet. See also 5518.0.55.001 Government Finance Statistics, Education, Australia 2006-07 (released 15/04/2008).

5673.0.55.003 Regional Wage and Salary Earner Statistics (persons whose main source of income is from wages and salaries), 2004-05. Released 04/04/2008

Contains 14 data cubes on persons whose main source of income is from wage and salaries. Contains characteristics: age, sex, occupation, income range, etc; with data at Statistical Local Area and above for all Australia. During 2004-05 in Victoria, the average wage and salary income at Statistical Subdivision level ranged from \$29,000 in West Mallee to \$56,000 in Boroondara City.

6287.0 Labour Force Characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, Estimates from the Labour Force Survey, 2007. Released 22/05/2008

Information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander labour force characteristics presented by sex, age, state or territory, and remoteness.

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6310.0 Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia, Aug 2007. Released 14/04/2008

Almost one in five Victorian employees (19% or 436,000 people) were trade union members in conjunction with their main job during August 2007. This was a fall of 3,000 from the previous year. The proportion of employees who were trade union members also decreased from 20% to 19% over the same period. In August 2007, mean weekly earnings in main job for Victorian employees was \$889 compared with \$916 nationally.

7121.0 Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2006-07. Released 28/05/2008

Final estimates for main commodities collected in the 2006-07 Agricultural Survey. Included are crop and horticulture area and production, livestock and livestock products, land use and industry, and size of agricultural business. State, Statistical Division (SD) and Natural Resource Management region data in spreadsheet format is available in 'Agricultural Commodities: Small Area Data, Australia' (cat. no. 7125.0, released 06/06/2008).

In Victoria during 2006–07, the total area sown to oats for grain increased 16% (or 24,800 hectares), but production of oats for grain fell by 59% (or 194,000 tonnes). Production of barley was down 70% (or 1.4 m tonnes). Area planted to canola was down 7% (or 12,400 hectares), with production down 85% (or 231,000 tonnes). National production of lettuces rose 67% to 271,000 tonnes, driven mainly by large increases in production in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. Production of tomatoes in Victoria fell 50% (or 122,000 tonnes) and potatoes fell 11%. There was a 31% (or 206,000 head) decrease in the number of pigs in Victoria. Sheep and lamb numbers nationally fell by 6% to 85.7 million at 30 June 2007, their lowest level since 1924, with continued difficult seasons due to drought and generally low wool prices.

7503.0 Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 2005-06. Released 08/05/2008

Contains final estimates of gross value of production of selected agricultural commodities for all states, territories and Australia for the year ended 30 June 2006. Victoria produced selected agricultural commodities (crops, livestock slaughterings and livestock products) worth \$9,226.5 m during 2005-06.

8111.0 Research and Experimental Development, Higher Education Organisations, Australia, 2006. Released 13/06/2008

Summary statistics on Research and Experimental Development (R&D) undertaken by Australian higher education institutions, for the year ended 31 Dec 2006. In Australia during 2006, higher education expenditure on R&D (HERD) was \$5,404.4m. This was a 24.9% increase in current price terms over 2004, and 15.1% in chain volume terms. HERD research in medical and health sciences (\$1,454.7m), engineering and technology (\$594.3m) and biological sciences (\$560.9m) made up almost half (48.3%) of total HERD in 2006. Almost three quarters (71.5%) of HERD was located in New South Wales (\$1,538.7m), Victoria (\$1,404.6m) and Queensland (\$919.3m). Between 2004 and 2006, Victoria recorded the largest growth in HERD in both absolute and percentage terms, rising \$342.3m or 32.2%.

Australian higher education institutions devoted a total of 58,810 person years of effort (PYE) to R&D in 2006, up 6.5% from 55,204 PYE in 2004. Most of the human resources devoted to R&D in 2006 were postgraduate students (57.7%) and academic staff (28.9%), with the remainder being other staff directly supporting R&D (13.4%).

8515.0 Digital Game Development Services, Australia, 2006-07. Released 08/04/2008

Australia's digital game developers generated \$136.9m in income during 2006-07. Two states, Queensland and Victoria, accounted for the majority of game development income (40.4% and 33.2% respectively) and employment (48.6% and 33.0%).

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8655.0 Cafes, Restaurants and Catering Services, Australia, 2006-07. Released 28/04/2008

This survey measures the performance, structure and activity of cafes, restaurants and catering businesses. It includes the composition of income earned, details of expenses, and workforce characteristics. At end June 2007, there were 15,423 businesses in Australia involved in the provision of cafes, restaurants and catering services. This comprised 13,987 cafe and restaurant businesses and 1,437 catering businesses. Collectively, these businesses employed almost 196,000 people and generated a total income of \$13,673.2m. The main source of income for cafe, restaurant and catering services was takings from meals consumed on premises (\$6,428.6m or 47% of total income). The 4,222 cafe, restaurant and catering businesses in Victoria earned \$3,379.2m in income and employed 52,223 people.

8695.0 Accommodation Services, Australia, 2006-07. Released 25/06/2008

This survey measured the performance, structure and activity of accommodation businesses. It includes aspects such as the composition of income earned, details of expenses incurred and workforce characteristics. At end June 2007, there were 5,981 accommodation businesses operating in Australia. These businesses employed 95,931 people and generated a total income of \$9.9 billion. The main source of income was takings from accommodation (\$6,519.6m or 66% of total income), followed by takings from meals (\$1,388.1m or 14.1%). The 1,343 businesses in Victoria earned \$1,897.5m in income and employed 18,810 people.

8697.0 Performing Arts, Australia, 2006-07. Released 28/05/2008

Australia's performing arts earned \$733.4m during 2006-07. The main sources of income for Australia's 726 performing arts businesses/organisations were box office takings (49%) and government funding (24%). At end June 2007, performing arts businesses/organisations employed 6,569 people, with nearly half employed as performing artists (3,249 people). There were 43,460 paid performances, with over 12 million people paying to attend live theatrical or musical presentations. Drama productions accounted for 26% of total attendances. The 204 Victorian businesses/organisations employed 1,754 people, and earned \$190.5m in income and accounted for 29.7%, (\$3.4m) of paid attendances.

At end June 2007, there were 145 performing arts venue operators in Australia, running 189 venues with a total of 271 performing art spaces. They generated \$494 m in income, with government funding accounting for just over one-third (\$166m). They hosted 20,819 performances, with drama productions making up 30% of all performances, followed by musical theatre (15%). Victoria had nearly a third (31%) of all performing arts spaces.

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INFORMATION PAPERS, RESEARCH PAPERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

1269.0 Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), Second Edition.

Released 19/05/2008

Previously: 'Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS)' 1990, and later the first edition of SACC in 1998. Comprises an explanation of the conceptual basis of the classification structure, alphabetical and numerical order coding indexes for population and economic statistics, concordances between the SACC 2nd and 1st Editions, a link between International Statistics Organisation codes and the classification codes, and a link between the classification and United Nations Standard Country or Area Codes. It is intended for use whenever population or economic statistics are classified by country.

1295.0.55.001 Information Paper: Update on ANZSIC 2006 Implementation, 2008.

Released 20/06/2008

Provides users of ABS industry-based statistics with an update on implementation of the new Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006 classification. This paper forms part of a suite of information available to prepare users of industry data for this significant change. It details on-going ANZSIC 2006 implementation across ABS, describes the range of ANZSIC 2006 products and support tools; and release schedule of statistics based on ANZSIC 2006.

2001.0.55.003 Making the Most of Your 2006 Census Community Profile Series, 2006 (Census).

Released 21/05/2008

An easy reference guide for users of the Community Profile Series. It provides a table index and geography information for the Profiles, including: Basic Community Profile, Place of Enumeration Profile, Indigenous Profile, Time Series Profile, Expanded Community Profile, and the Working Population Profile.

4706.0.30.001 Maps and Census Profiles, Australian Indigenous Geographical Classification, 2006.

Released 26/05/2008

This is a CD-ROM product compiling ABS Indigenous products, including maps, publications, Indigenous and Remoteness profiles from the 2006 Census, fact sheets and data quality statements. This collection brings together ABS products freely available on <www.abs.gov.au> into a format that is portable across remote Australia, and is a comprehensive resource of Indigenous data.

6525.0 Experimental Estimates of Imputed Rent, Australia, 2003-04 and 2005-06.

Released 01/05/2008

This Information Paper presents experimental household level estimates of the imputed rent for owner-occupied dwellings in 2003-04 and 2005-06. Estimates of the benefit to tenants paying subsidised rent and households occupying their dwelling rent free are also included. The methodology and sources used in the study are outlined, and the effect of imputation on distribution of income distribution analysed. ABS would welcome any comments from users on the study's methodology and usefulness of resulting estimates for analytical purposes.

8163.6 Information Paper: Measuring Innovation: Towards Developing a Scorecard, 2008. Released 22/04/2008

Investigates the feasibility of developing a scorecard to measure innovation in Tasmania. It provides an overview of the process used, and includes results of a comprehensive literature search. It discusses ways to measure innovation, explores innovation measurement internationally and recommends a set of appropriate indicators to measure innovation.

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1332.0.55.002 Statistical Language!, 2008. Released 27/06/2008. First Issue

4836.0.55.001 Household Expenditure on Health: A Snapshot, 2004-05. Released 29/05/2008

4233.0 Health Literacy, Australia, 2006. Released 25/06/2008

4510.0 Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia, 2007. Released 26/06/2008

4528.0 Personal Fraud, 2007. Released 27/06/2008

5368.0.55.004 International Trade in Services by Country, by State and by Detailed Services Category, Calendar Year, 2007. Released 06/05/2008

5368.0.55.010 Information Paper: Impact of introducing Revision 4 of the Standard International Trade Classification, 2008. Released 26/05/2008

6540.0 Household Expenditure Survey and Survey of Income and Housing - Confidentialised Unit Record Files, 2003-04 (Third Edition). Released 01/05/2008

6541.0.30.001 Survey of Income and Housing: Confidentialised Unit Record File on CD-ROM/RADL, 2005-06 (Second edition). Released 01/05/2008

8166.0 Summary of IT Use and Innovation in Australian Business, 2006-07. Released 26/06/2008

8635.2.55.001 Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Victoria - Electronic Delivery, Dec 2007. Released 09/04/2008

9503.0.55.001 Tourism Region Maps and Concordance Files, Australia, 2007. Released 26/06/2008

Main Economic Indicators (MEIs). Also released during the past quarter were a number of monthly and quarterly MEIs which can be accessed from the ABS website home page <www.abs.gov.au>. Examples of MEIs include: housing finance, building approvals, labour force, consumer price index, sales of new motor vehicles, and retail trade.

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ABS Statistical Training and Information Seminars



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What Statistical training courses are available at ABS Victoria?

Venue: ABS Victorian Office 485 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

- Turning Data Into Information (TDII)
- Basic Survey Design (BSD)
- Making Quality Informed Decisions (MQID)
- Analysing Survey Data Made Simple (ASDMS)
- Understanding Demographic Data (UDD)
- 2006 Census Information Sessions (free)

Turning Data Into Information (TDII)

This course develops skills in interpreting, displaying and communicating data clearly and effectively. Analytical thinking skills are developed to enable the transformation of data into meaningful written information.

Length: 2 days

Fee: \$750.00

2008 Course Dates: 15 & 16 October

Basic Survey Design (BSD)

This course aims to provide a broad overview of all facets of survey development. Topics include developing survey objectives, advantages and disadvantages of various collection methodologies, questionnaire design, data processing, reporting of results and management of the design process.

Length: 2 days

Fee: \$750.00

2008 Course Dates: 9 & 10 July and 26 & 27 November

Making Quality Informed Decisions (MQID)

This course introduces the concept of 'holistic quality' through the use of a data quality framework for a statistical collection. The framework ensures that users of statistics are able to assess whether the statistics are fit for their intended use. This course aims to provide a framework to evaluate the quality of available data sources and use this knowledge in the decision-making process.

Length: 1 day

Fee: \$450.00

2008 Course Dates: 14 August

Analysing Survey Data Made Simple (ASDMS)

This computer based course develops practical skills in summarising and displaying survey data in graphical and tabular form. It provides the tools for finding simple relationships in survey data and testing for statistically significant differences in past and current survey results.

Length: 2 days

Fee: \$750.00

2008 Course Dates: 2 & 3 September

Understanding Demographic Data (UDD)

Explores demographic statistics in terms of contemporary social and economic issues, population momentum and ageing, and components of population growth (births/fertility, deaths/mortality, internal and overseas migration). Covers concepts regarding processes which shape the population, sources, methods of collection and production, quality issues, and includes practical exercises in the analysis of demographic data.

Length: 1 day

Fee: \$450.00

2008 Course Dates: 21 & 22 October.

For further information go to the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>. Select 'Services We Provide' then ABS Training or contact Sarah Simkin on (03) 9615 7904 or email <victoria.statistics@abs.gov.au>.

2006 Census Information Sessions (free)

Information sessions run for State and Local Government, will showcase 2006 Census Products available free of charge on the ABS Website and present a case study using free Census data.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: free

2008 Dates:

2.00-4.00 pm Thrs 7 August 2008, and
2.00-4.00 pm Tues 16 September 2008.

To reserve a place, please email <vic.client.services@abs.gov.au>, nominating which session you would like to attend, your name, organisation, contact phone number and email address. Please ring Heather Burns on 9615 7535 if you have any queries about the 2006 Census Information Sessions, or would like to arrange a session in your own Department.

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Libraries play a unique role in providing information to their communities and are a valuable source of ABS statistics. The Library Extension Program (LEP) is a partnership between ABS and a nation-wide network of over 500 participating libraries.

You can visit one of the Victorian Libraries which are part of the Library Extension Program (LEP).

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